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KENTUCKY INSTITUTION

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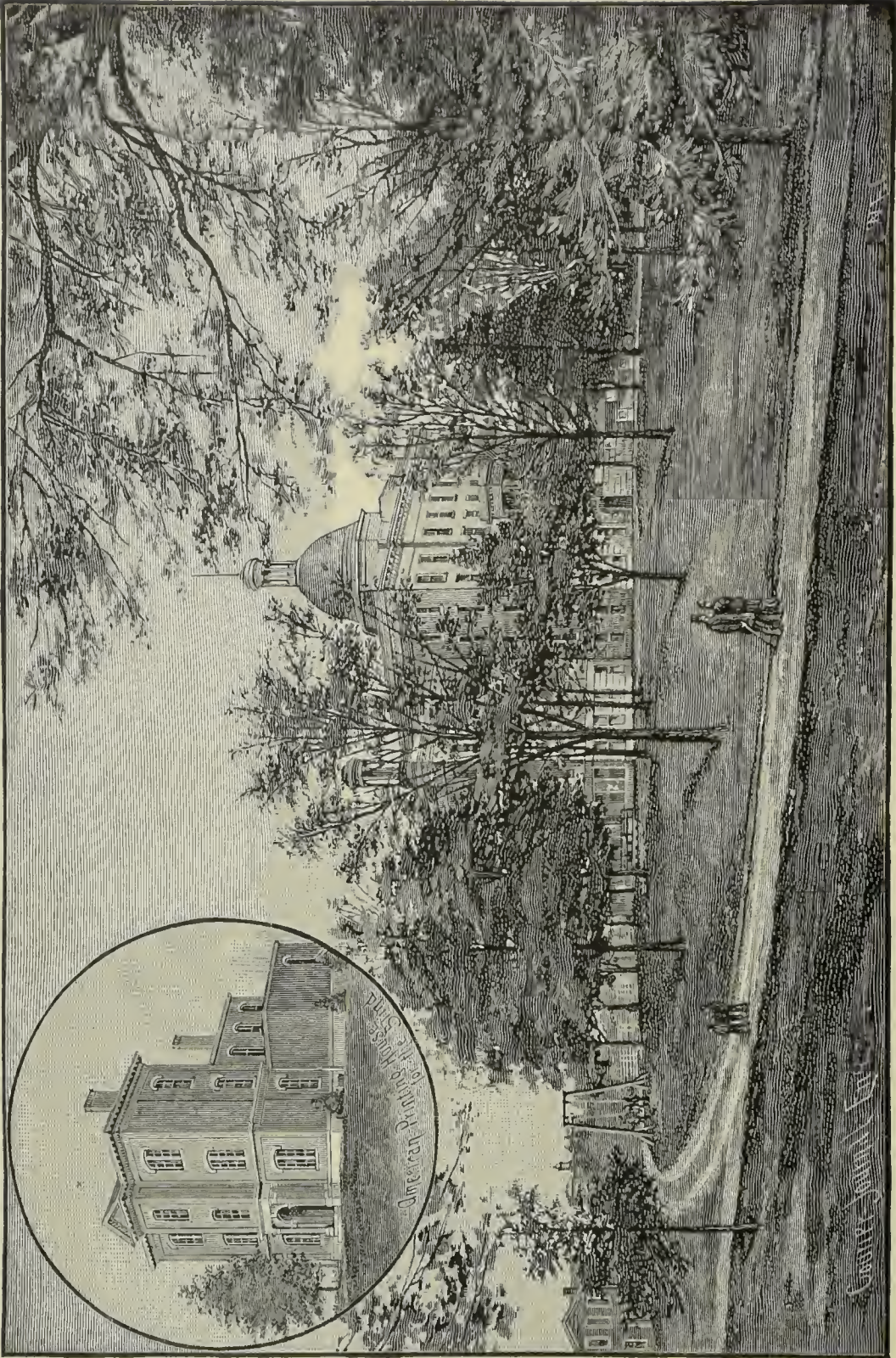
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OFFICERS AND TEACHERS
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Board of Visitors.

Andrew Cowan, President.
Chas. T. Ballard, *Rev. A. Moses, D. D.,*
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Matron.

Mrs. Sarah J. Huntoon.

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Miss Louise Sloan, *Miss Susan B. Merwin.*

Teachers of Music.

Charles Frederick, *Miss Julia Purnell.*

Teacher of Handicraft.

Louis Metz.

Teacher of Piano Tuning.

Clifford Martin.

Seamstress.

Miss Mary Barrett.

Visitors' Attendants.

Nancy Brooks, *Mary Ferguson.*

LOUISVILLE, KY., November 9, 1899.

To His Excellency, WILLIAM O. BRADLEY,

Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Honored Sir: The accompanying report has been read and approved and formally adopted by the Board of Visitors of the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Blind, as their regular report to you and to the General Assembly.

With sentiments of the highest esteem, it is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board of Visitors.

ANDREW COWAN,

President.

Regular Annual Report of the Board of Visitors

OF THE

KENTUCKY INSTITUTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

To His Excellency, WILLIAM O. BRADLEY,

Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Sir: The number of pupils under our charge during the past year, in the White Department, was (103) one hundred and three, and in the Colored Department (21) twenty-one, making in all (124) one hundred and twenty-four.

The names of those in the White Department, and their residences, are as follows:

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
Nancy Abner	Lee county.
Edgar Allen	Meade county.
Albert Baird	Whitley county.
Irene Baldwin	East Bernstadt.
Jos. Ballard	Graves county.
Edward Barbee	Louisville.
Altie Beattie	Hancock county.
Maud Beattie	Hancock county.
Oma May Blankenbaker	Louisville.
Belle Briggance	Hickman.
Levi Boggs	McWhorter.
Elijah Brown	East Fork.
Percy Lee Chambers	Williamsburg.
Lily Conner	Paducah.
Christina Cook	Louisville.
Cora Lee Cook	Louisville.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
Jessie E. Cook	Louisville.
Chester Crawford	Fariston.
Murray Daniels	Beaver Dam.
Adam Decker	Louisville.
Effie Etheridge	Dawson.
Winston Ewing	Smith's Grove.
Ada Farris	Salem.
Mary Ferguson	Mt. Vernon.
Alice Fitzgerald	Muhlenberg county.
Gertrude Floyd	Trimble.
Hattie Gish	Mt. Sterling.
Austina Gleason	Louisville.
Calvin S. Glover	Louisville.
Catherine Glynn	Paducah.
Corley G. Goodwin	Richelieu.
Robt. E. Lee Goodwin	Richelieu.
Oscar Gortney	Tyrone.
Emmerine Gott	Grayson county.
Leslie Hackett	Louisville.
George W. Hamilton	Bewleyville.
Emma Hamlet	Middlesboro.
Henry Hanel	Covington.
Edward Hanner	Greenup county.
Henry Haws	Lawrence county.
Caroline Hartmetz	Louisville.
Emily Hofer	Louisville.
Wallace Holt	Adair county.
Larkin Hubbard	Ogle.
Whitney Hunt	Louisville.
Chester Hutchinson	Louisville.
Harry James	Louisville.
Louis McIntyre	Frederickstown.
Elva J. Madison	Grayson county.
Eunice Madison	Grayson county.
Maxie Mays	Louisville.
Virgil Merritt	Addison.
James McMains	Louisville.
Joseph Metzmeier	Louisville.
Cora Minton	Bee Spring.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
Effie Minton	Bee Spring.
Flora Moore	Williamsburg.
Mary F. Moore	Webster county.
Richard Morris	Rutland.
Joseph O'Neal	Louisville.
Amy Osborn	Murray.
Gordon Perkins	Grand Rivers.
Walton Perkins	Williamsburg.
Hally Phillips	Henderson.
Ellen Pointer	Conway.
Albert C. Raible	Louisville.
Mary E. Rainy	Clark county.
Nanny Rainy	Clark county.
Gertrude Rankin	Crittenden county.
Elizabeth Riggs	Louisville.
Elma Robbert	Louisville.
George Robinson	Woodsonville.
Alex Robins	Conkling.
Joseph Robins	Conkling.
Elizabeth Simpson	Gray.
William Simpson	Gray.
Betty Simpson	Gray.
Herman Spiesberger	Louisville.
Henry Stagner	Warren county.
John Stagner	Warren county.
Carrie E. Stiles	Nelson county.
Frank Sullivan	Paducah.
John Talbert	Covington.
Ira Tharp	Horse Cave.
Carrie May Thompson	Lancaster.
Essie Thornburgh	East Fork.
S. J. Emmet Tompkins	Louisville.
Ethel Tresenriter	Greenville.
Ella Trumbo	Morehead.
Mahala Turner	Boyd county.
Thos. Truitt	Weston.
Bertha Tuttle	Lexington.
William Vosmer	Covington.
Arthur Walker	Kelly.

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
Roy Webb	Mayfield.
Bridget Welch	Louisville.
Estelle Wells	Zion.
Palestine White	Brownsboro.
Mary Whitlow	Columbia.
James E. Williamson	Henderson.
Burton W. Wingate	Madison county.
Garfield Witten	Louisville.

The names and residences of those in the Colored Department are as follows:

NAMES.	RESIDENCES.
Nellie Bullitt	Russellville.
Effie Carter	Owensboro.
Jessie Carter	Owensboro.
Bertha Cheatham	Frankfort.
Jesse Clark	Elizabethtown.
Ella Covington	Paducah.
Samuel Davis	Louisville.
Otis Edes	Calhoun.
Virgie Fleming	Henderson.
Jesse Gillespie	Central City.
Alberta Johnson	Owensboro.
Melissa Jones	Kuttawa.
George Macauley	Lawrenceburg.
Allen McRoberts	Lincoln County.
Birdie Ray	Henderson.
Jacob Robinson	Dixon.
Anna Smith	Kuttawa.
Lucy Scott	Louisville.
Lizzie Tate	Owensboro.
Ida Taylor	Louisville.
Kate Wheeler	Nicholasville.

The following named persons have been regularly employed:

A superintendent, B. B. Huntoon, with a salary of \$125 a month.

A matron, Mrs. Sarah J. Huntoon, with a salary of \$41.66 a month.

A teacher, Miss Josephine Sloan, with a salary of \$50 a month.

A teacher, Miss Louise Sloan, with a salary of \$40 a month.

A teacher, Miss Julia Purnell, with a salary of \$30 a month.

A teacher, Miss Susan B. Merwin, with a salary of \$40 a month.

A teacher of sewing, Miss Mary Barrett, with a salary of \$30 a month.

A teacher of handicraft, Louis Mets, with a salary of \$25 a month.

A teacher of music, Charles Frederick, with a salary of \$100 a month.

A teacher of piano tuning, Clifford Martin, with a salary of \$40 a month.

A kindergarten teacher, Miss Lucy D. Scoggan, with a salary of \$40 a month.

Boys' governess, Nancy Brooks, with a salary of \$15 a month.

Girls' governess, Mary Ferguson, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A gardener and engineer, Thomas Lucas, with a salary of \$60 a month.

A fireman and assistant gardener, Herman Breitfeldt, with a salary of \$30 a month.

A man for indoor work, John Owens, with a salary of \$35 a month.

A cook, Lizzie Reilly, with a salary of \$20 a month.

An assistant cook, Kate Flynn, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A laundress, Nellie O'Keefe, with a salary of \$16 a month.

A laundress, Katy Bennett, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A chambermaid, Fanny Taylor, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A chambermaid, Annie Kelley, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A chambermaid, Mary Joyce, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A chambermaid, Maggie Minogue, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A chambermaid, Maggie Coughlin, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A dining-room girl, Mary Hubrich, with a salary of \$15 a month.

A dining-room girl, Kate Hubrich, with a salary of \$15 a month.
In the Colored Department:

A matron, Miss Fanny Wood, with a salary of \$35 a month.

A teacher, Miss Octavia Wood, with a salary of \$30 a month.

A house-girl, Ella Williams, with wages of \$15 a month.

A cook, Mrs. Margaret Wood, with wages of \$25 a month.

A house man, Edw. Wood, with wages of \$25 a month.

The publishers of the "Musical Record," the "Christian Standard," the "Kentucky Standard," "The Index," the "Goodson Gazette," the "Kentucky Journal," and the "West Virginia Tablet," have furnished copies of their periodicals regularly and gratuitously to the school and the pupils have listened to their contents with pleasure and profit.

The report of the treasurer shows that the receipts and expenditures of the institution have been as follows:

Balance on hand November 1, 1898	\$ 2,118 16
Per capita for White and Colored Departments, 4th quarter, 1898....	3,758 98
Annual allowance White Department	10,000 00
Per capita and quarterly allowance Colored Dept., 1st quarter, 1899..	4,506 70
Per capita and quarterly allowance Colored Dept., 2d quarter, 1899..	4,530 00
Per capita and quarterly allowance Colored Dept., 3d quarter, 1899..	3,988 36
Miscellaneous receipts	159 59
Total receipts	\$29,061 79
Total expenditures as by vouchers filed with Auditor	27,578 09
Balance on hand November 1, 1899	\$1,482 77

There has been but very little sickness among the children, with but a single exception, during the past year.

Annabel Briggance, a delicate child of about fourteen years of age, who has been a pupil for six years, was stricken with congestion of both lungs, and, after a short, but severe illness, succumbed to the disease, in spite of the application of every remedy known to skill and science.

The health of the children is supervised by one of the most eminent physicians in the city, who is promptly on hand whenever any serious occasion arises for his services. Under his excellent care and the admirable conditions for the physical welfare of the pupils that the institution enjoys, the health of the children is notably good, in spite of the fact that blind children are usually of a lower vitality than normal children.

Scrupulous cleanliness, comfortable clothing, an abundance of simple and wholesome food, plenty of air and light, daily exercise, regular employment, a judicious mixture of work and play, and the constant and kindly oversight of all the employes of the school combine to make the children under our care contented and happy and to secure for them a steady growth of body and mind, that is eminently satisfactory to all concerned.

Your trustees have not spared their efforts to bring a knowledge of the school to the attention of the people of Kentucky. Appeals have been made to the press throughout the State to insert articles telling what the State is doing for her defective children. These have been generously met and have been read by all who take the newspapers.

In addition, circulars have been sent, with a postal card enclosed for a reply, to every clergyman, school superintendent, and city executive in the State setting forth the scope of the institution and asking that the names of any blind children personally known to them, be returned to us, so that we may make special efforts to secure their attendance in our school.

As to the details of the school work, your board of visitors would report that it has progressed, as usual, under the direct charge of long experienced and faithful officials, to whom it has been entrusted, and to whom we have felt it to be our duty as well as our pleasure to provide all possible appliances and opportunities for the comfort and care of the blind children of the State. The only limit to this has been the means at their disposal, and they hope by the careful management of their resources gradually to supply the school with

all the apparatus, and bring to bear all the educational methods that the experience of the wealthier States has proved advantageous.

Your board has regarded it as of the first importance to see that the buildings in their charge should be kept in good order and such additions be made as they judged were necessary and could be afforded. The slow and careful savings of many years were spent, as was reported a year ago, in building additional wings for the boys' and girls' side of the house, respectively, which should contain rooms for hospital purposes, for piano practice, for nurseries for the children under ten years of age, of whom we have nearly forty; for water closets and bath rooms of the best sanitary kind, and for new exits from every part of the building, which should serve as the best possible fire escapes. All these improvements have been in regular use by the children for the past year, and the result in the increased comfort and welfare of the pupils and in the better management of the school, has been all that your board anticipated.

During the summer the main building was thoroughly painted on the outside, and the roofs of all the buildings were painted with graphite. Full lines of insurance have been maintained, and all the details that go to the care of a great property have been attended to in a manner suitable to the State's ownership. Your board received this property from their predecessors in a most admirable condition; while in their charge it has been improved, enlarged and beautified and never was so well adapted as now, for the wise and beneficent purposes for which it was set apart.

For these reasons they commend the school to your excellency, and to the General Assembly, and to the people of Kentucky as worthily fulfilling the aims of those noble statesmen and philanthropists who provided it fifty-seven years ago, and to whose wisdom it must remain as a lasting monument.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

For the Board of Visitors.

ANDREW COWAN,
President.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF BUILDING AND SUPPLIES.

To the Board of Visitors of the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Blind:

Gentlemen: Your committee would respectfully report that during the past year they have supervised, as usual, the purchase of supplies for the institution in all its departments, and have regularly transmitted a monthly statement of their accounts to the Governor of the Commonwealth. A summary of these statements is herewith appended.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHAS. T. BALLARD, *Chairman.*

A. MOSES,

LOGAN C. MURRAY.

KENTUCKY INSTITUTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

Expenditures for the Year Ending September 30, 1899.

	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.
Pay Roll { Salaries	\$591 65	\$591 65	\$631 65	\$591 65	\$591 65	\$591 65	\$591 65
Wages	306 25	309 00	327 50	322 50	318 00	300 00	335 00
Dry goods and clothing	75 43	195 69	26 70	27 20	23 50	165 51	31 45
Groceries	338 73	464 89	353 71	312 04	258 26	318 19	302 84
Breadstuffs	74 26	67 97	65 78	64 94	60 67	60 88	53 55
Meats, fowls, fish, and game	118 20	121 45	143 40	130 60	128 05	147 75	120 00
Fruits, vegetables, milk, and ice	64 43	72 19	66 91	62 02	53 74	62 74	61 05
Spirituous liquors .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Drugs, medicines, and professional services ..	14 11	.....	63 52	2 94	.....	.....	25 50
Confectioneries .....	.....	.....	20 68	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fuel and lights	41 85	61 91	57 33	62 64	150 43	48 48	113 98
Amusements .....	.....	12 00	.....	4 90	.....	.....	8 25
Buildings and repairs	51 92	40 29	12 00	83 20	83 98	46 20	40 05
Household and kitchen furniture	58 16	.....	20 64	19 78	77 00	4 00	13 40
Laundry .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vehicles, tools, and imp. for farm and garden	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Expenses on live stock .....	.....	2 75	1 50	1 25	3 00	.....	14 10
Labor not included in pay roll	22 65	22 25	9 50	2 00	2 00	66 60	22 15
Books and stationery	27 00	15 65	20 90	2 62	65	59 75	5 65
Postage and traveling expenses	22 22	33 59	19 14	22 98	20 19	14 46	16 27
Materials for workshop .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	30 30	.....	.....
Tuning and repairing musical instruments ..	.....	.....	1 39	4 90	4 45	.....	4 80
Water rent	36 89	18 85	17 62	20 88	20 17	20 17	21 35
Funeral expenses .....	.....	.....	.....	45 00	.....	.....	.....
Insurance	1,753 95	112 50	.....	.....	.....	65 00	.....
Total	\$3,597 70	\$2,142 63	\$1,859 87	\$1,784 04	\$1,826 34	\$1,971 38	\$1,781 04

Expenditures for Year Ending September 30, 1899—Continued.

	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	Total.
Pay Roll { Salaries	\$986 65	\$196 65	\$196 65	\$196 65	\$611 65	\$6,369 80
Wages	337 50	352 50	315 00	275 00	322 00	3,820 25
Dry goods and clothing	26 60			10 00	94 72	676 80
Groceries	289 52	173 25	105 77	51 33	279 00	3,247 53
Breadstuffs	57 38	26 90			34 15	566 48
Meats, fowls, fish, and game	123 25	85 77	53 20	31 04	98 00	1,301 41
Fruits, vegetables, milk, and ice	65 17	44 47	24 77	12 98	47 24	637 71
Spirituos liquors						
Drugs, medicines, and professional services ..						
Confectioneries	14 00	73 35	2 75			182 17
Fuel and lights	743 81	17 80				52 48
Amusements	12 50	18 06	7 02	11 73	17 29	1,334 53
Buildings and repairs	49 93					37 65
Household and kitchen furniture	54 65	1,063 71	132 48	91 66	32 55	1,727 97
Laundry		61 37	26 95	60 00	255 67	651 62
Vehicles, tools, and imp. for farm and garden	35 05					
Expenses on live stock	1 25				26 85	61 90
Labor not included in pay roll	74 60	7 20			5 95	37 00
Books and stationery	22 45	45 40	105 00	33 65	33 50	439 30
Postage and traveling expenses	321 97	21 78	24 02	4 65	44 33	249 45
Materials for workshop	30 77	36 47	13 25	17 60	88 29	626 73
Tuning and repairing musical instruments ..	8 75					61 07
Water rent	19 92	27 43	23 40			47 69
Funeral expenses			8 52	8 26	33 16	253 22
Insurance						45 00
					80 98	2,012 43
Total	\$3,275 72	\$2,252 11	\$1,038 78	\$804 55	\$2,106 03	\$24,440 19

COLORED DEPARTMENT. KENTUCKY INSTITUTION FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE BLIND.

Expenditures for the Year Ending September 30, 1899.

	October.	November.	December.	January.	February.	March.	April.
Pay Roll { Salaries	\$65 00	\$65 00	\$65 00	\$65 00	\$65 00	\$65 00	\$65 00
Wages	55 00	55 00	55 00	55 00	55 00	55 00	55 00
Dry goods and clothing				11 80			
Groceries	78 41	51 45	83 77	74 78	30 55	49 00	76 20
Breadstuffs	14 79	12 00	11 71	10 89	11 63	11 36	11 37
Meats, fowls, fish, and game	39 60	41 30	38 20	39 60	35 40	42 60	38 10
Fruits, vegetables, milk, and ice	22 75	20 77	20 99	20 55	18 39	22 30	21 88
Spirituous liquors							
Drugs, medicines, and professional services ..			33 00				
Confectioneries							
Fuel and lights							
Amusements							
Buildings and repairs							31 85
Household and kitchen furniture							
Laundry							
Vehicles, tools, and imp. for farm and garden							
Expenses on live stock							
Labor not included in pay roll							
Books and stationery							
Postage and traveling expenses							
Materials for workshop							
Tuning and repairing musical instruments ..							
Water rent			35 20				
Funeral expenses							
Insurance							
Total	\$275 55	\$245 52	\$342 87	\$277 62	\$215 97	\$245 26	\$299 40

Expenditures for the Year Ending September 30, 1899—Continued.

	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	Total.
Pay Roll } Wages	\$65 00	\$65 00	\$65 00	\$65 00	\$65 00	\$780 00
Salaries	55 00	55 00	55 00	55 00	55 00	660 00
Dry goods and clothing	8 70	32 42	13 37	18 21	59 42	20 50
Groceries	30 80	5 48	.....	.....	5 13	598 38
Breadstuffs	11 67	24 80	13 40	13 10	28 00	106 03
Meats, fowls, fish, and game	39 00	18 33	12 18	14 89	18 84	393 10
Fruits, vegetables, milk, and ice	23 80	.....	.....	.....	.....	235 67
Spirituous liquors .....	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	58 00
Drugs, medicines, and professional services ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Confectioneries	183 97	.....	.....	.....	.....	183 97
Fuel and lights .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Amusements .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	31 85
Buildings and repairs .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Household and kitchen furniture .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Laundry .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vehicles, tools, and imp. for farm and garden ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Expenses on live stock .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Labor not included in pay roll .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Books and stationery .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Postage and traveling expenses .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Materials for workshop .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tuning and repairing musical instruments ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Water rent .....	.....	35 20	.....	.....	.....	70 40
Funeral expenses .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Insurance .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$417 94	\$261 23	\$158 95	\$166 20	\$231 39	\$3,137 90

TERMS OF ADMISSION.

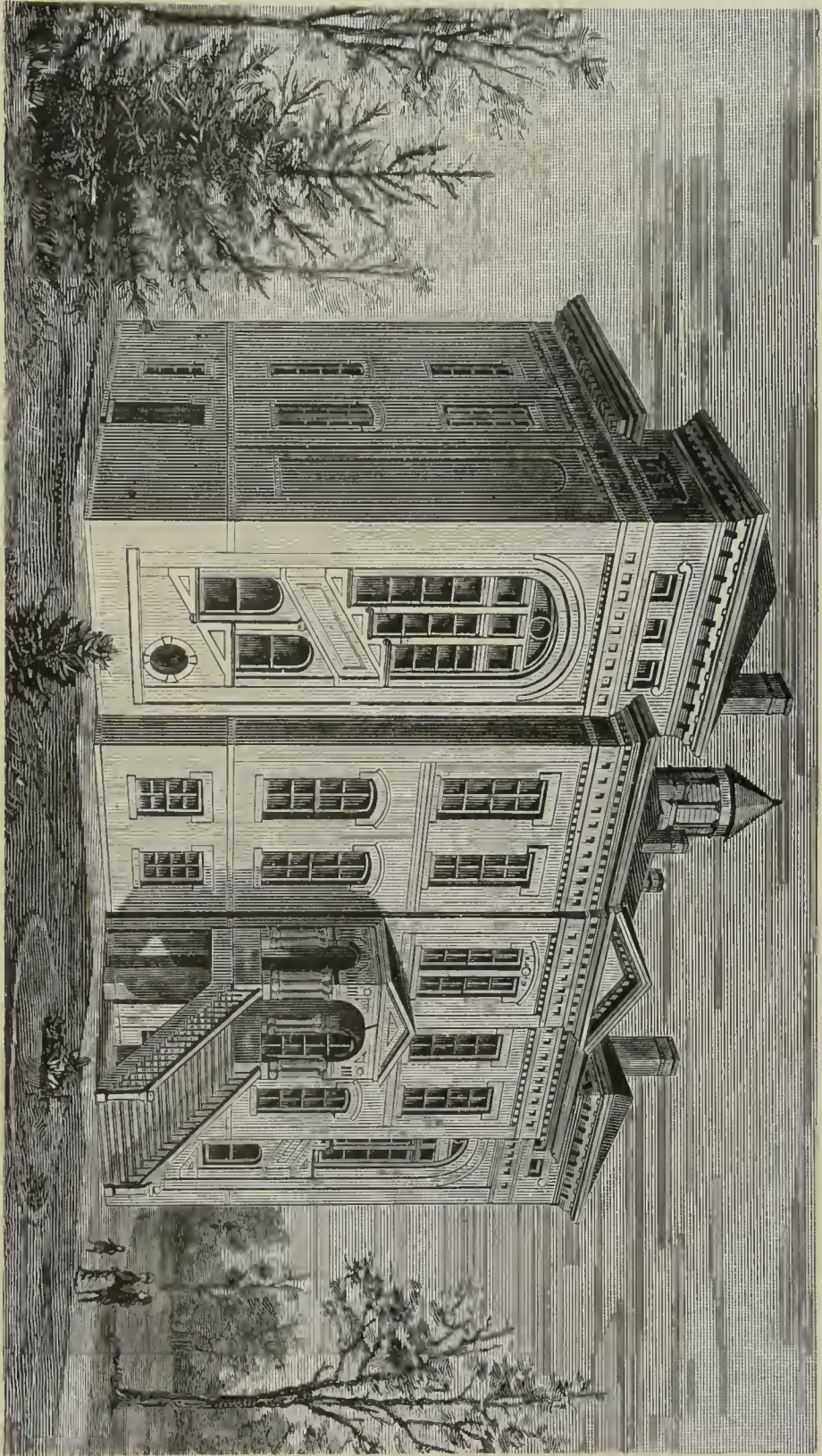
In respect to the forms to go through to secure the admission of a child to the Kentucky Institution for the Education of the Blind, it is only required that the child be of so defective vision as to be unable to get an education in the ordinary schools; that it be of good health and sound mind, and within the ages of six and eighteen; for it must be remembered that the institution is neither a hospital nor an asylum. If the child is destitute, the fact should be so certified by the county judge, and in that case clothing will be provided. No charge is made for board or tuition.

The school session begins on the second Wednesday of September, and closes on the second Wednesday of June. Pupils will be admitted at any time within these dates, but they are much benefitted by beginning promptly at the first of the session. The children all return to their homes in the summer.

If fuller information is desired, it may be had from the superintendent, or from any of the trustees, who will cheerfully correspond with any person wishing to place a blind child in the institution.

**THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS SHOULD BE ANSWERED
IN WRITING.**

- What is the child's name?
- When was the child born?
- Where was the child born?
- What is the name of the father?
- What was the mother's maiden name?
- What was the cause of the child's blindness?
- How long have its eyes been affected?
- How much can the child see?
- Are any of the child's kin blind, or have any of them trouble
with their eyes?
- If so, state who these are
- Have the child's eyes ever been examined by an oculist?
- If so, when?
- What was the name of the oculist?
- Has the child been vaccinated? Is the child of
good health and sound mind?
- What is the postoffice address of the child's parents or guar-
dian? ..
- Where and to whom may a telegraph message concerning the
child be sent?
- Who will care for the child during vacation?



COLORED DEPARTMENT.

